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BOROUGH OF ANDOVER

Public Health Department

INTERIM REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER of HEALTH to December 1945

GENERAL STATISTICS

	1944	1945
Area in acres	6,381	6,381
Population	13,310	12,570
Number of inhabited houses	3,415	3,415

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS	1944 Male	1944 Female	1945 Male	1945 Female
Legitimate	140	107	93	114
Illegitimate	19	8	20	17
Total:	159	115	113	131

	1944	1945
Birth rate per 1000 population	21.	18.7
Birth rate England and Wales	17.6	16.1

STILL BIRTHS	1944 Male	1944 Female	1945 Male	1945 Female
Legitimate	7	4	4	1
Illegitimate	1	-	-	-
Total:	8	4	4	1

	1944	1945
Rate per 1000 population	.92	.38
Rate for England and Wales	.50	.46

DEATHS	1944 Male	1944 Female	1945 Male	1945 Female
	66	69	68	70
Total:	135		138	

	1944	1945
Rate per 1000 population	10.5	11.5
Rate for England and Wales	11.6	11.4
DEATHS - PUERPERAL CAUSES	Nil	Nil

DEATHS - INFANTS under 1 year	1944 Male	1944 Female	1945 Male	1945 Female
Legitimate	5	1	2	4
Illegitimate	2	-	1	4
	7	1	3	8

	1944	1945
Rate per 1000 births	29.	45.
Rate England and Wales	46	46

CHIEF CAUSES of DEATH

	1944 Male	1944 Female	1945 Male	1945 Female
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	3	2	2
Influenza	-	1	1	1
Cancer-digestive system	4	1	2	1
Cancer-other sites	8	9	6	9
Diabetes	-	-	-	1
Diseases-heart and blood vessels	19	32	29	30
Total carried fwd.	32	46	40	44

	1944		1945	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Total brought forward	32	46	40	44
Respiratory diseases	13	5	9	11
Ulcer of stomach	1	-	3	1
Diarrhoea-under 2 yrs	-	-	1	1
Appendicitis	1	-	-	-
Other digestive diseases	1	1	-	4
Nephritis	3	2	3	2
Premature births	2	-	-	-
Other maternal causes	-	2	-	-
Birth injuries	2	2	1	1
Suicide	1	-	-	-
Violence	2	3	2	1
Other causes	8	8	9	5
	66	69	68	70

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	1944	1945
Scarlet fever	13	7
Whooping cough	13	7
Diphtheria...	1	-
Erysipelas	-	4
Measles	103	95
Pneumonia	7	1
Chicken pox	-	1
Dysentery	26	1
Cerebral spinal meningitis	1	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number immunised during year

Under 5 years	5-15 years
1944 - 146	1944 - 51
1945 - 172	1945 - 40

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply in the district has been chlorinated since the beginning of the war and is still satisfactory. The public piped supply covers most of the Borough. There are 5 private piped supplies in the rural part of the area and samples from these show satisfactory results.

SEWAGE

The sewage works which had been heavily overloaded during the war will probably need extension soon.

HOUSING

There is still considerable overcrowding. Approximately 400 houses are either not worth repairing or will need extensive repairs to bring up to date.

GENERAL HEALTH

The general health of the populace is good. The provision of school meals seems to have kept up the health and nutrition of school children.

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SCABIES

Most cases are treated by their own doctors, a few go to the Public Assistance Institution for treatment.

MEAT SUPPLY

Slaughtering has been at the Ministry of Food slaughter-house, distribution being to the Borough and Rural districts and part of the Kingsclere and Whitchurch district.

Inspection is of a high standard but has involved a great deal of night work by the Sanitary Inspector.

MILK SUPPLIES

There are two pasteurisation plants in the town and samples from these give satisfactory results.

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